

Appl. No. 10/605,880
Amtd. dated December 13, 2005
Reply to Office Action of November 3, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 21-26 have previously been canceled in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 6, 18, 28, and 31 were previously withdrawn in response to a species election requirement; however, Applicant has removed these claims from their withdrawn status for reasons set forth herein. Claims 84 and 85 have been canceled herein, and claims 10 and 16 have been amended herein. Thus, claims 1-20, 27-39, and 60-83 are presently pending, with claims 1, 4, 10, 16, 27, 35, and 60 being independent.

Applicant initially acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-5, 7-9, 27-39, and 60-83. Furthermore, claims 10-20 are indicated as being allowable in the Office Action of November 3, 2005, if amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2. Applicant has amended claims 10 and 16 herein to delete the language which was the basis for the rejection. Therefore, claims 10-20 should now also be in condition for allowance.

Claims 84 and 85 are rejected in the Action as being anticipated by the Perry '463 patent. Because claims 84 and 85 have been canceled herein, this rejection is now moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that it be withdrawn.

Finally, in regard to the previously withdrawn claims (i.e., claims 6, 18, 28, and 31), these claims now depend from an allowed generic claim and must now be considered in this application. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6, 18, 28, and 31 recite additional features of the invention not shown or suggested by the prior art references of record. Therefore, these claims should also now be allowable.

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In view of the foregoing, the present application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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